FISCAL NOTE

HB 2521 - SB 2744

February 15, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates probationary time periods to allow Tennessee HOPE scholarship students to continue receiving the HOPE award when such students would have been deemed academically ineligible due to current grade point average requirements.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants by \$30,488,000 in FY08-09 and by \$31,100,000 in FY09-10.

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC), approximately 7,622 students would be allowed to continue receiving the HOPE award while on probation in the first year (FY08-09).
- The increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds is estimated to be \$30,488,000 (7,622 students x \$4,000 = \$30,488,000) in FY08-09.
- TSAC estimates the total number of students allowed to continue receiving the HOPE award in the second year (FY09-10) to be approximately 7,775.
- The increase of expenditures from lottery proceeds is estimated to be \$31,100,000 (7,775 students x \$4,000 = \$31,100,000) in FY09-10.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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